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High Speed Trains

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to run the mail and express trains at high speed as compared with the present speed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the trains which have been converted into super fast trains; and
- (c) the reasons to increase the passenger fare in super fast trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): 52 pairs of trains have been speeded up and converted into Superfast category. However, speeding up of trains is a continuous exercise over Indian Railways and is done keeping in view the operational feasibility, availability of sectional speed on line, high speed compatible coaches, high power locos etc.

'Mission Raftaar' has been announced in the Railway Budget 2016-17. The mission envisages, inter alia, increasing the average speed of all non-suburban passenger trains by 25 kmph in next 5 years. A cross functional Mobility Directorate has been created in Railway Board for this purpose.

(c): The fare of Superfast trains has not been increased. However, there is a levy of Supplementary charge for Superfast trains.
